

City hires new City Manager

Thom Moton will begin employment Nov. 6

The Broken Arrow City Council voted to approve an employment agreement for Broken Arrow’s next City Manager, Thom Moton, at the Oct. 2 council meeting.

Moton is scheduled to begin his employment Nov. 6.

“Prior to the interview process, I had conducted extensive research and my research indicated Broken Arrow was an outstanding community and the City organization was well managed,” Moton said. “After the interview process, I was convinced my research was correct and even more convinced I would be a good fit for the City of Broken Arrow and could contribute in the manner desired by the Mayor and City Councilors. In addition, moving to Broken Arrow will put me within a 4-hour drive of my family who reside in North Texas. I am thrilled about joining the community and cannot wait to get started on this new journey that offers so much promise.”

The two (2) year employment agreement provides for the retention of Moton at an annual salary of \$153,500. As in prior City Manager agreements, it also provides a vehicle allowance, wireless phone service allowance, a bank of available sick leave and vacation, a six (6) month severance package and retirement contributions in the amount of 12 percent.

Moton is currently the Interim City Manager



Thom Moton

for the City of Greenville, N.C. Some of his previous positions include Assistant City Manager for the City of Greenville, N.C.; Assistant City Manager for the City of University City, Mo.; Assistant Dean of Ellis County Center in Waxahachie, Texas; and Assistant City Manager for the City of Corsicana, Texas.

Buy BA
campaign
drawing
set for
Dec. 17



The Broken Arrow Area Chamber of Commerces' 18th annual “Buy Broken Arrow” campaign began Nov. 3.

Building on last year’s success and issuing nearly two and half million tickets at over 100 locations, the chamber's goal this year is to make “Buy Broken Arrow” reach even more consumers by again offering \$15,000 in total prizes.

Tickets are distributed as follows:

- One ticket for each \$10 purchases. For example: Entering Business = 1 ticket - \$10 = 1 additional ticket; \$20 = 2 additional tickets; and a maximum of 100 tickets per purchase
- Persons must be at least 18 years of age to participate and win.
- Government or school district purchases will not be eligible for drawings.

Participants don't have to be present to win!

Watch the local news; check the Chamber’s website, www.bachamber.com, or check the City of Broken Arrow’s website, www.brokenarrowok.gov, for the winning number to be announced at Regional Hyundai, 2380 W. Kenosha St., Dec. 17 at 3 p.m.

For a list of participating merchants, go to the Chamber website under events.

Trash, city services affected by upcoming holidays

The upcoming holidays mean City services and community center schedules will change.

The Jan. 1 City Council meeting has been rescheduled to Jan. 2.

The City will honor Veterans Day, Nov. 12. City offices will be closed, and there will be no curb side pickups of trash on that day.



Offices will also be closed Nov. 22-24 for Thanksgiving, Dec. 25 for Christmas, closing at 6 p.m. Dec. 24; and Jan. 1 for New Year’s Day, closing at 6 p.m. Dec. 31.

There will be no trash pickups on any of those days.

When holidays occur on a Monday, customers with Monday and Thursday pickups will have service Tuesday and Thursday; Tuesday and Friday will be Wednesday and Friday.

The community centers and gyms will be closed Nov. 11 for Veterans Day, Nov. 24-26 for Thanksgiving, Dec. 24 and 26 for Christmas and Dec. 31 and Jan. 2 for New Year’s.

BAFD teach students about fire safety



Broken Arrow firefighters from station No. 6 members giving a tour of several fire apparatus and the education trailer to kick off fire prevention week.



Holiday fire safety tips

Preventing Christmas Tree Fires

Each year fires occurring during the holiday season claim the lives of more than 400 Americans, injure 1,650 more, and cause more than \$990 million in damage.

According to the U. S. Fire Administration (USFA), there are simple life-saving steps families can take to ensure a safe and happy holiday.

By following some of the outlined precautionary tips, individuals can greatly reduce their chances of becoming a holiday fire casualty.

Special fire safety precautions need to be taken when keeping a live tree in the house. A burning tree can rapidly fill a room with fire and deadly gases.

Selecting a Tree for the Holiday

Needles on fresh trees should be green and hard to pull back from the branches, and the needle should not break if the tree has been freshly cut.

The trunk should be sticky to the touch. Old trees can be identified by bouncing the tree trunk on the ground.

If many needles fall off, the tree has been cut too long, has probably dried out, and is a fire hazard.

Caring for Your Tree

Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent.

The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks. Be careful not to drop or flick cigarette ashes near a tree.

Do not put your live tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks.

Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.

Disposing of Your Tree

Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or wood-burning stove.

The best way to dispose of your tree is by taking it to a recycling center or having it hauled away by a community pick-up service.

Holiday Lights

Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up.

Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory.

Do not overload electrical outlets.

Do not link more than three light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe.

Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet. Make sure to periodically check the wires — they should not be warm to the touch.

Do not leave holiday lights on unattended.

Candle Care

Avoid using lit candles.

If you do use them, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked down.

Never leave the house with candles burning.



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Now through Dec. 17 — Buy Broken Arrow campaign continues. Winning ticket will be announced at 3 p.m.

Now through Dec. 31 - "Quilts: Past to Present" Broken Arrow Historical Society and Museum, 400 S. Main St. The exhibit will include an extensive display of quilts and quilt tops. You will also find antique and vintage sewing machine along with sewing ephemera. Plus, a bake sale will be hosted by Historical Society members. For more information, call 918-258-2616.

Dec. 4 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Dec. 6 — Broken Arrow Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Dec. 11 — Downtown Advisory Board 4

p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Dec. 15 — Santa's Candy Cane Run 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Broken Arrow Performing Arts Center, 701 S. Main St. Santa Claus will kick off the first Santa's Candy Can 5k and Fun Run. Join hundreds of runners and walkers dressed in holiday gear as they make their way through downtown Broken Arrow. For more information, call 918-251-1518.

Dec. 16 — Christmas at the Movies 2:30-5 p.m., Broken Arrow Performing Arts Center, 701 S. Main St. Tulsa Community College's Signature Symphony, along with artistic director G. Barry Epperley, will share the stage with Broken Arrow students from band, orchestra and choir, as well as an elementary school children's ensemble, plus a dance troupe from Moore's Dance

Studio. Two BAPS teachers will also be a part of the Symphony, including Sarah Richardson and Jeff Loud. Patrons of the show will be treated to special holiday music before the show in the lobby. Santa Claus will also be available for FREE photos by the PAC's giant Christmas tree. For more information, visit www.thepacba.com.

December 17 — Buy BA Drawing 3 p.m., Chamber of Commerce, 123 N. Main St. Need not be present to win.

Dec. 18 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Dec. 20 — Broken Arrow Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Dec. 25 — City offices closed for Christmas holiday.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER 1-31